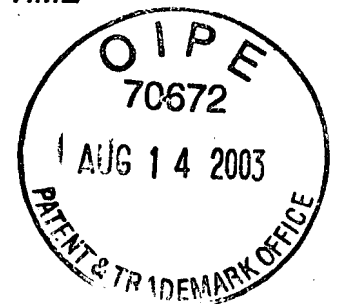


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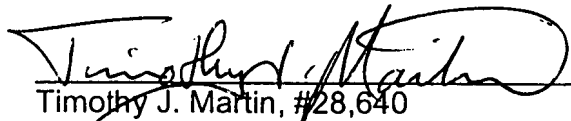


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The Applicant of the above-captioned patent application hereby requests a three (3) month time extension from May 10, 2003 to August 11, 2003 in which to file a Notice of Appeal. Accordingly, enclosed is our check no. 17989 in the amount of \$465.00 to cover this time extension request. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1940.

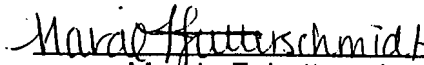
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